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## LOUIS G. DANIELS TO TAKE CHARGE

Will Assume Control Of The New Bern Postoffice Today.

COMMISSION ON ITS WAY  
Some Delay In Placing S. H. Lane In The Assistants Office.

Louis G. Daniels, recently appointed postmaster at New Bern, will take charge of the office today. Mr. Daniels received a telegram from Senator F. M. Simmons last night stating that his commission had been sent out yesterday afternoon and would arrive here this morning.

Just when S. H. Lane will go into the office as assistant postmaster, the office to which he has been recommended, is not known. Before the holidays assistant postmasters were taken from under the civil service and it was thought that Mr. Lane would not be compelled to stand the civil service examination. However, President Wilson is not in favor of taking assistant postmasters from under this service.

The News and Observer's Washington correspondent yesterday said:

"President Wilson let it be known today that he opposes return of the 'spoils system' of post office appointments and will veto the postoffice appropriation bill now before the house unless the 'rigger' in it, exempting assistant postmasters from the classified service is eliminated.

"The President, it is understood, has decided to call a halt to what has been charged by civil service advocates as a tendency in Congress to break down the merit system. He was confronted in the tariff, currency and the urgent deficiency bills with the civil service problem, but in signing these measures took the position that his power of placing employes in the classified service had not been weakened and that the merit system could be applied.

"The rider in the post office appropriation bill would give the postmaster-general the right to revoke the appointment of any assistant postmaster and appoint his successor at his discretion.

"Postmaster General Burleson recently wrote Representative Moon, chairman of the Postoffice Committee, opposing the proposal, but it was not withdrawn. The President is expected to inform House leaders of his views.

Whether this will have the effect of delaying Mr. Lane's induction into the office cannot be definitely stated. However, his friends are firm in the belief that Senator Simmons will succeed in placing him in the assistant's place.

## MARINE NEWS.

The barge Kent is at the A. C. L. R. Co.'s pier taking on a cargo of lumber for Philadelphia.

The barge Emma and Bessie has arrived in port with a cargo of phosphate for C. Ober and Sons.

The three masted schooner Levin J. Marvel is taking on a cargo of lumber for Philadelphia at the Neuse Lumber Co.'s wharf.

The two master schooner Thomas arrived in port yesterday with a cargo of sweet potatoes from Beaufort.

The steamer S. J. Phillips left yesterday for Maple Cypress with a cargo of mixed freight.

The gas freight boat Constitution left yesterday for the Straits with a cargo of general merchandise.

## WHITE BOATMAN IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT.

Fate Voliver, a white boatman was before Mayor, pro tem., William Ellis yesterday afternoon on a warrant charging him with refusing to remove his craft from out of the Market Dock when ordered to do so by an officer. After hearing the evidence in the case Mayor, pro tem., Ellis found the defendant guilty but suspended judgment upon the payment of the costs of the case.

A headline says: "Cattle are scarce in the market."

## FARMERS INSTITUTE TO BE HELD AT ERNULS

ALSO AT BEACH GROVE. MUCH INTEREST MANIFESTED.

Conducted under the auspices of the State Department of Agriculture, in co-operation with the Farmers' Institute Committee of Craven County, a farmers' institute will be held at Beach Grove, Friday, February 6, and at Ernul on Saturday, February 7, for the discussion of farm operations, crops, livestock, markets, etc., and at the same time and place, a woman's institute, for the consideration of such topics as household economics, home conveniences, education etc.

Experts from the State Department of Agriculture will be present to lead the discussions and to impart subjects and questions which will be considered. A general invitation will be extended to all farmers and their wives, as well as any others who may be interested, to attend and take part in the discussions. All who can possibly do so are urged to bring lunch and come prepared to spend the day.

It is announced that a year's subscription to a woman's magazine will be given to the woman over 20 years of age, living on a farm, who bakes and exhibits the highest scoring loaf of bread, and a similar award will be made to the girl, under 20 years of age living on a farm, exhibiting the highest scoring loaf of bread. A premium is also offered to the girl from the farm who exhibits the best pone of cornbread, of her own baking.

In the afternoon a question box will be opened and questions will be answered in a round table discussion in which all will be free to take part. Those who will attend are urged to bring note book and pencil, as much valuable information will be brought out in this discussion.

The benefits of the farmers' institutes and woman's institutes are too well known to need any emphasis. This will not be the first meeting of the kind held in Craven county, and those who were present at former ones will be pretty certain to attend this institute, as well as many others who will not overlook the opportunity of advanced information and advice on topics of vital interest to those who live on the farm.

## JACK CORBET and the "Dream Girls"

Who are filling a week's engagement at the Athens, will appear today in a complete change, presenting:

"Last Day Of School."  
Read the following criticism from a Winston-Salem paper:  
"LAST DAY OF SCHOOL A SPLENDID SUCCESS."

"The Last Day of School," being played at the Auditorium today by the Dream Girls, was played yesterday afternoon and last night to large audiences that were immensely pleased with the performance. The act is a travesty on a last day at school, showing all the peculiarities and tyranny of the old time schoolmaster, ruling by brute force, and setting forth the eccentricities and mischievous dispositions of a number of children, who succeed in giving the old master a rather lively time of it.

Mr. Corbett is the schoolmaster and the other members of the company are the pupils. It is the last day of the school and the teacher dispenses with the lessons and turns the day into one of singing, reciting, and playing games, all of which are given in a setting of side-splitting comedy kept going from the beginning of the performance until the close.

"There were a number of excellent songs and the work of Swede and 'She' and Mrs. Corbett were the features of the performance, the whole of which, of course, moved around the old schoolmaster as the central and most interesting figure.

Toward the close of the performance there began to fall upon the mischievous pupils and tyrannical teacher a spirit of sadness, for it was soon parting time and he was never to be their teacher again. And the element of pathos was admirably developed in the way each pupil shook hands with the old teacher and left the room with head bowed in sobs. Alone in the room, the old teacher went from desk to desk where the pupils had sat, and ended by breaking down.

Rev. Euclid McWhorter, the new pastor of Centenary Methodist church, who was, last night, tendered a reception in the church parlors by the members of his congregation. Rev. McWhorter came to New Bern a few weeks ago from Morehead City where he did excellent work, and has already put new life into the church, and has won the love and esteem of his people.



## CENTENARY METHODISTS WELCOME NEW PASTORS

"Get Acquainted Social" Given In Their Honor Last Night -- Event Attended By Several Hundred Persons

The Board of Stewards of the Centenary Methodist Episcopal Church, of which L. H. Cutler, Sr., is Chairman, gave a most delightful "Get Acquainted Social," last night in honor of their new Pastor, Rev. E. H. McWhorter, and his assistant, Rev. W. A. Cade, at the reception rooms of the church, which was beautifully decorated in bamboo, ferns and cut flowers, the red and white lights adding greatly to the cheerfulness of the room.

The guests were welcomed on the main floor by Mrs. L. H. Cutler, Jr., Mrs. Clyde Eby, Miss Carrie Arendell and David Willis, who presented each guest with a card on which was inscribed "Get Acquainted Social, Centenary Methodist Church. Name..... Address....." each guest's name being supplied in the proper space, and this was retained until one was served, and then forfeited, in order that their new pastor might become acquainted with each and everyone present. The guests were then ushered to the reception room on the ground floor by J. G. Delamar and W. C. Chadwick, and charmingly received by Rev. E. H. McWhorter, Mrs. E. H. McWhorter, Miss McWhorter, Euclid McWhorter, Jr., and Rev. W. A. Cade, Mrs. Pender of Tarboro, daughter of Rev. McWhorter T. A. Green, chairman of the Board of Stewards, L. H. Cutler, chairman of the Board of Trustees, Miss Lizzie Hancock, representing the Epworth League and Mrs. C. W. Gaskins, representing the Missionary Society.

After pleasantly chatting with the receiving party, the guests were met by Mesdames J. T. Hollister, R. N. Duffy, W. P. Williams, S. H. Scott, Miss Carita Wallace, J. J. Baxter and A. E. Hibbard, who, in their cordial manner, added largely to the evening's enjoyment.

Refreshments consisting of ice cream cake and coffee were served, which was both delightful and refreshing. Those serving were Misses Charlotte Howard, Jane Stewart, Katherine Stewart, Mable Chadwick, Mary Nixon, Maud Hurley, Margaret Bunting, Hattie Bell, Delphine Spencer and Lena McGinn.

Just previous to the close of the evening, T. A. Green, Chairman of the Board of Stewards, made a short but impressive talk in behalf of the Board, introducing Rev. McWhorter and Rev. Cade, and expressing how fortunate the church was in having with them both of these gentlemen. Following Mr. Green, each of the ministers in the city, namely, Rev. E. T. Carter, Rev. J. N. H. Summerell, Rev. B. F. Huske, Rev. Everett and Rev. J. B. Phillips, welcomed both Rev. McWhorter and Rev. Cade to our city, with best wishes for the work which they had undertaken and felt, so sure, would be even a greater success than they had anticipated.

During the evening music was rendered by three gifted artists: Misses Mary Willis, Jessie Wyatt and Alberta Jones, which, it is needless to say, was quite a feature of the evening. Among a number of the selections played were "Angel's Serenade," G. Braga; "Miserere," from H. Trovatore; "La Paloma," by Yradier, and "Dear," by Creator. The evening was, as many of the ministers stated in their little talks, "One that we long for again."

Why is it that it takes a hired girl four hours longer to mop the front gallery than the back porch?

Our picture program for today is a hummer, starting off with a two reel Vitagraph Special feature. "The Mystery of the Silver Skull." Featuring Maurice Costello. This motion picture lays bare a wicked plot to enforce the marriage of a villainous, old reprobate and a lovely young girl. It challenges belief.

"The Conversion of Mr. Anti." A Solly comedy drama. Matinee daily at 3:45. 2 shows at night. 1st starts at 7:30, 2nd about 9:15 o'clock.

## TORPEDO BOAT "FOOTE" GOING TO WASHINGTON

WILL BE USED BY NAVAL RESERVES AT THAT PLACE.

Washington, Jan. 15.—The United States Torpedo boat "Foote" now stationed at Elizabeth City has been assigned to the use of the Sixth Division North Carolina Naval Reserves of this city. Orders to that effect have just been issued by Capt. C. D. Bradham, commanding officer of the North Carolina Naval Militia, New Bern, N. C. Lieutenant Commander Charles L. Morton, Lieutenant W. B. Rodman, Jr., and Ensign Robert Small with a crew from the naval militia here, expect to leave for Elizabeth City, January 24th for the purpose of bringing the Foote to this port. The Foote is fully equipped with torpedo tubes and one pound guns. The boat will be used for weekend cruises by the local organization. The Foote only draws six feet and this will enable the reserves to visit all the ports on Pamlico river, Pamlico sound and tributaries. The news of the assignment of the Foote to Washington will be gratifying to the members of the Sixth Division.

## MILITIA BILL TERMS FINALLY AGREED ON

UNDER THE PROPOSED PAY BILL GOVERNMENT PROVIDE MILITIA \$14,000,000 ANNUALLY.

Washington, Jan. 15.—Secretary Garrison and adjutant general, representing national guards of more than 30 States today agreed on terms of the proposed militia pay bill under which the federal government would provide pay for militiamen, who, in turn, would enlist as "federal reservists" subject to the call of the President to duty, either within the United States or abroad.

It is proposed that the militia bill shall provide an annual appropriation of \$14,000,000. Of this \$1,000,000 would be for encampment and maneuver purposes, \$8,000,000 for home service pay, and \$2,500,000 for armament and equipment.

Secretary Garrison will lay a draft of the measure before President Wilson, with an explanation of just what the federal government may expect in return for the money appropriated. If the President gives his indorsement the bill will go before Congress as an administration measure.

The committee that conferred with Secretary Garrison today comprised Brig. Gen. Martin, Texas; Brig. Gen. Stewart, Pennsylvania; Brig. Gen. Young, Illinois. Brig. Gen. Crowder, judge advocate general of the army, and Brig. Gen. Mills, chief of the division of militia affairs, were present.

## COTTON GINNERS REPORT SHOWS HEAVY LOSSES

GRAVEN'S RECORD FAR BELOW THAT OF LAST YEAR.

The report of the Cotton Ginner sent out yesterday shows that prior to January 1, 1914, 4,987 bales of cotton had been ginned in Craven county against 6,787 last year. In Onslow county the number of bales was 3,855 against 4,543 last year; in Beaufort county 8,272 against 13,017 last year; in Carteret county 1,357 bales were ginned against 1,829 last year; in Jones county the number was 4,838 bales against 6,748 last year and in Pamlico 4,191 against 5,947 last year. From the above it can be seen that there was a decrease in the number of bales ginned all over Eastern North Carolina. Further West the decrease was not so large but very few of the counties was last year's record surpassed. The past season was a disastrous one on account of the storm and flood, and the loss on this account was several million dollars.

## WAYLAIN AND SHOT.

Monroe, N. C., Jan. 15.—On one of the principal streets of the city and under an electric light, W. R. Outen, a prominent merchant of Monroe, was waylaid and shot in the back of the head with a shotgun, his assailant also fracturing his skull with the butt of the weapon.

## BLIZZARD IN THE EAST ABATING

Six Persons In New York Succumb To Exposure's Ravages.

HOMELESS IN LODGING HOUSES

Further Deaths From Vessels In Distress—Europe Suffering From Intense Cold.

New York, Jan. 15.—Relief from the most severe cold spell New York ever has experienced in fifteen years was in sight tonight. Rising temperatures late today abated somewhat the suffering in the streets, but during the day the weather was so cold that six persons succumbed to exposure, bringing the death toll to thirty, and coming up to 43 since the rigid wave arrived early yesterday.

The mercury rose from five degrees below zero at 2 o'clock this morning to 19 above at 5 o'clock this afternoon; then it turned colder and four hours later stood at 13 above, with prospect, the weather man said, that it would not drop more than another three or four degrees during the night.

Thirty five alarms. Directly due to the cold, the fire department had one of the busiest days in its history, responding to more than thirty alarms. Water pipes were frozen in homes all over the city and many fires were caused by attempts to thaw them out. More than a thousand persons, including the inmates of two Bowery lodging houses, were driven to the streets, the fire situation became so serious that the engines were put to work to melt frozen hydrants.

The homeless are seeking lodging houses again, and at Long M. 155, considering being Madison Square Garden and taking a rest, and the city armory over to the suffering if the usual sheltering places are overcrowded. He directed the street cleaning department to put homeless men to work tomorrow.

Victims of Cold.

The victims of the cold today were men and women past middle age. Among these were Mrs. Hecker, 72 years old and Miss A. Walters, 65, who were frozen to death in their homes, in East Orange, N. J. S. J. Jackson, 67, an invalid, was frozen to a chair. Neighbors found her mother, Mrs. Sarah D. Jackson, nearly dead and took her to a hospital.

Crews of Schooner Rescued.

Vineyard Haven, Mass., Jan. 15.—Five members of the crew of the schooner John Paul, which sank in Nantucket Sound early yesterday morning were saved as they were being swept to sea, by the crew of the Cross Rip Lighthouse. The cook died from exposure just before the rescue of his companions. Five survivors of the crew of the schooner G. M. Porter, Perth Amboy for Calais, which was left in a leaking condition off Point Gammon, are safe also at the Cross Rip Lighthouse.

Gold Weather in Paris.

Paris, Jan. 15.—Cold weather has caused several deaths in Paris and there is much suffering among the poor.

The prefect is arranging to place large coke fires in the streets for the homeless.

In the South conditions are more severe than in the North. Snow has fallen continuously for 36 hours.

Warmer In Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 15.—Relief from the cold weather that has held this section of the east in its grip for two days was indicated in reports received tonight from many points in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware.

In Philadelphia, where the thermometer registered zero at 7 o'clock this morning, the temperature rose gradually all day and tonight stood around 20 degrees above zero with indications pointing to a further rise. Many fire alarms kept the departments busy.

## C. I. DeBRUHL, OF POLLOKSVILLE UNDERGOES OPERATION.

C. I. DeBruhl, of Pollokville, who underwent an operation at Fairview sanitarium a few days ago, is getting along nicely and will probably be able to leave that institution during the next few days.

It's all right to have plenty of go, but staying qualities should not be overlooked.